Remarks

Entry of the amendments prior to a first office action is respectfully requested. The amendments place the claims in a format more suited for U.S. practice and removes a multiple dependency.

A prompt action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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